

LOCAL NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.—MONDAY.—J. M. Stewart appeared and testified that himself and J. W. Stewart are the only heirs at law of Elizabeth Stewart, widow of Robert Stewart, who was a pensioner of the United States.

Weinberg vs. Schwarzenberg—in case—verdict and judgment for \$5.

The will of Susan Fowle, with a codicil annexed was admitted to probate. W. O. Yeaton, the executor named, renounced the burden of the execution thereof. R. Johnston qualified as administrator with the will annexed.

J. G. Verplank vs. Mary A. White—unlawful detainer—verdict and judgment for plft.

Two accounts of Jos. Colton, acting coroner, for \$5 and \$10 respectively were allowed.

An account of T. I. Edelin for \$6 for services on inquest were allowed.

Atwell vs. Mahama—on a removal—verdict and judgment for plft. for \$29.35.

The two principal villages of the "Contrabands," in this place, are situated at the North and South ends of the city—whole squares on those localities being now covered with the shanties which they occupy. Some of these frail and temporary buildings are owned by the occupants, being built upon leased at a certain price per foot; whilst many are rented at specified prices per month. The number of contrabands here is estimated at several thousands—the estimate varying. Whilst, however, the "contrabands," for the most part, settle together in the places specified, they occupy houses in various other parts of the city.—Most of the men are employed as laborers by the U. S. government, whilst numbers of the women hire out as servants in taverns and private houses.

A very heavy rain commenced last night, and continued all the morning without interruption. The ice in the river has been broken up, in a great degree, but large quantities of floating ice, above and below town, still impede navigation. So heavy was the rain that, for hours, this morning, some of the street crossings, (especially that at the corner of King and Pitt streets) were impassable, almost, for pedestrians.

The inclemency of the weather to day—an almost continual fall of cold rain—put a stop to out-door business, in a great degree. If the rain has extended, as is probable, all the streams in this section of country will be much swollen, and the roads deep in mud. It will, have an effect upon military operations, and compel the opposing armies to remain quiet.

"The Cripple," is a neat little sheet, published every Saturday at the Headquarters of the 2d Division U. S. General Hospital in this place. Its contents relate principally to Army affairs, but it has miscellaneous reading matter.

Mr. Johnston, from the special committee of the Legislature here, on the subject of increasing the rate of interest, made a report last week, adverse to the proposed increase.

The action of the loyal men of Woodlawn, Fairfax county, in relation to the civil government, attracts much attention and is much discussed.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

In the severe gale of Friday last on the Chesapeake Bay, the large side wheel steamer Knickerbocker, sunk between Smith's Light house and Smith's Point, having been driven in towards shore, and doubtless knocked a hole in her bottom by running against a snag. All on board the vessel are supposed to have been lost, as nothing has been heard of the crew, although they may have been saved, for a steamer was seen to go towards the Knickerbocker just as she sank.

Mr. Flint, correspondent of the N. Y. World newspaper, has been released from arrest on parole, by Gen. Wallace.

Col. Randolph Harrison, of 46th Virginia infantry, who, on the 17th of December, escaped from the guard while being conveyed from the Old Capitol prison to Fort Delaware, was recaptured on Saturday. He was again sent to the Old Capitol.

Secretary Stanton arrived at Fortress Monroe on Saturday.

Gen. Geo. H. Thomas has been appointed Major General in the U. S. regular army, to date from December 15th, the day of his recent victory over Hood, and to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Gen. John C. Fremont.

FOR RENT.

The house on the S. E. corner of Royal and Duke Streets, formerly the Lecture Room of the 1st Presbyterian Church. The building is 52 feet long and 19 feet 6 inches wide, and is a good location for any business. It is also convenient for the delivery of lectures, or as a club room. Apply at 121, Duke st., or at the Office at Gas Works. jan 10—1w

LOST.—Between the Methodist Protestant Church, and the corner of Duke and St. Asaph streets, A FUR CUFF. A liberal reward will be given the finder who may leave it at Mr. Milburn's Drug Store. jan 6—3t*

COPARTNERSHIP.—I have associated with me, in business, JOHN A. FIELD, under the firm name of ARNOLD & FIELD. I would take this occasion to return my thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon me, and wishing to close my old business, would be much obliged if all persons indebted to me would come forward and settle their accounts. Persons to whom I am indebted will please render their bills without delay. jan 7—3t. WM. ARNOLD.

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jan 7—tf

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jan 10—2w

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NOTICE TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—I forwarn any person or persons from renting the WHARF, (used for fish during the past two years) situated at the N. E. corner of Princess and Union sts.; it being under lease to me, and I having held possession from 1860; and further, if any merchandise shall be landed on said wharf, I will sue or warrant the parties for same.